

# PRELIMINARY REPORT

## 2015: E14 – *Jackrabbit Road*

**APPLICANT:** Harris County Engineering Department

**KEY MAP:** 408

**JURISDICTION:** Harris County

**LAMBERT:** 4762

**DISTRICT/PRECINCT:**

Harris County Pct.: 4

### **PROPOSAL:**

Harris County is requesting the addition of Jackrabbit Road, between FM 529 and SH 6, as a Major Collector with 4 lanes and an 80-foot right-of-way (MJ-4-80) to the Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan.

### **APPLICANT'S JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:**

An 80-foot right-of-way (ROW) with pavement already exists for Jackrabbit Road. The applicant contends that due to the increased population growth of Harris County and development along this corridor, it is anticipated that more vehicles will use Jackrabbit Road to connect from FM 529 to the SH 6/US 290 intersection. Jackrabbit Road primarily fronts the back lots of residential homes between FM 529 and West Road without any opportunity to obtain additional ROW. However, there is opportunity to expand the pavement because the existing pavement is only 24 feet wide. Jackrabbit Road fronts commercial and light industrial development from West Road to SH 6. From these limits, additional ROW could be obtained and the road could be widened if necessary. This collector would serve as a midpoint corridor between two major thoroughfares, Huffmeister Road and North Eldridge Parkway to relieve congestion.

The applicant states that Jackrabbit Road is a true collector which accumulates traffic from local streets for distribution to other major thoroughfare streets such as West Road and SH6. The major collector, Jackrabbit Road per definition has commercial, residential and industrial uses along the corridor. Showing Jackrabbit Road as a Major Collector on the MTFP would give a more complete picture of the development gridlines for this area. This is the reason for the amendment. The applicant contends that if an amendment is not done, the development gridlines wouldn't show a complete picture in this area.

Jackrabbit Road is currently not listed on the MTFP.